Terminal benefit to employees of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.

1629. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 3,000 employees of Bharat Gold Mines Limited, which was closed in 2001, are yet to receive terminal benefit;

(b) whether Government had received any representation in this regard from the employees of B.G.M. Ltd;

(c) whether Government are considering to provide revival package forB.GM. Ltd.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) has been closed under Section 25(0) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 with effect from 1st March, 2001. At the time of closure there were 3580 employees on the rolls of the company. In spite of offering Special Terminal Benefit Package (STBP) twice, 3100 employees have not opted for STBP. Atotal number of 480 employees have been separated under Voluntary Separation Scheme/STBP.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to revive Bharat Gold Mines Limited.

Employment to land losers in Basundhara West Project

1630. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was made on 16th January, 2001 regarding employment of land losers in Basundhara West Project; and

(b) if so, how many land losers have so far been appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to part (a) above, question does not arise.